

Under the procedure herein provided for, unless otherwise advised, it will be unnecessary for ANR to appear or be represented at the hearing.

Lois D. Cashell,

*Secretary.*

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**[Docket No. CP94-161-006]**

**Avoca Natural Gas Storage; Notice of Amendment**

February 18, 1997.

Take notice that on February 11, 1997, Avoca Natural Gas Storage (Avoca), One Bowdoin Square, Boston, MA 02114, filed in Docket No. CP94-161-006, pursuant to Section 7(c) of the Natural Gas Act, an amendment to the certificate of public convenience and necessity issued by the Commission on September 20, 1994, in Docket No. CP94-161-000. Avoca seeks to construct a brine pipeline, all as more fully set forth in the amendment which is on file with the Commission and open to public inspection.

Specifically, Avoca seeks to amend its certificate to change the method of brine disposal. Avoca proposes to construct a 45-mile brine pipeline from its storage facility in Avoca, NY to two salt processing plants in Watkins Glen, NY. Avoca states that this will provide it with a viable means of disposing of the brine that will be generated from solution mining of the salt caverns that will be used to store natural gas. As authorized, Avoca was to drill disposal wells into which the brine created by the solution mining of the salt caverns would be injected. However, it has been determined that this method is no longer a viable option for disposal of brine.

Any person desiring to be heard or to make any protest with reference to said amendment should on or before March 11, 1997, file with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20426, a motion to intervene or a protest in accordance with the requirements of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (18 CFR 385.214 or 385.211) and the Regulations under the Natural Gas Act (18 CFR 157.10). All protests filed with the Commission will be considered by it in determining the appropriate action to be taken but will not serve to make the protestants parties to the proceeding. Any person wishing to become a party to a proceeding or to participate as a party in any hearing therein must file a motion to intervene in accordance with the Commission's Rules.

Take further notice that, pursuant to the authority contained in and subject to jurisdiction conferred upon the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission by Sections 7 and 15 of the Natural Gas Act and the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure, a hearing will be held without further notice before the Commission or its designee on this amendment if no motion to intervene is filed within the time required herein, if the Commission on its own review of the matter finds that a grant of the certificate is required by the public convenience and necessity. If a motion for leave to intervene is timely filed, or if the Commission on its own motion believes that a formal hearing is required, further notice of such hearing will be duly given.

Under the procedure herein provided for, unless otherwise advised, it will be unnecessary for Avoca to appear or be represented at the hearing.

Lois D. Cashell,

*Secretary.*

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**[Docket No. OA97-519-000]**

**Bangor Hydro-Electric Company; Notice of Filing**

February 18, 1997.

Take notice that on January 31, 1997, Bangor Hydro-Electric Company ("Bangor") tendered for filing pursuant to Order No. 889, its Code of Conduct.

Any person desiring to be heard or to protest said filing should file a motion to intervene or protest with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, N.E., Washington, D.C. 20426, in accordance with Rules 210, 211 and 214 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (18 CFR 385.210, 385.211 and 385.214). All such petitions or protests should be filed on or before February 28, 1997. Protests will be considered by the Commission in determining the appropriate action to be taken, but will not serve to make protestants parties to the proceeding. Any person wishing to become a party must file a petition to intervene. Copies of this application are on file with the Commission and available for inspection.

Lois D. Cashell,

*Secretary.*

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**[Docket No. OA97-520-000]**

**Citizens Utilities Company; Notice of Filing**

February 18, 1997.

Take notice that on January 31, 1997, Citizens Utilities Company (Citizens) tendered for filing in Docket No. OA97-520-000, Standards of Conduct and Procedures for Compliance applicable to its Vermont Electric Division ("VED"). In addition, Citizens requests waiver of Section 37.4 of the Commission's regulations, 18 CFR 37.4, in order to allow one employee of its VED to engage in both wholesale merchant functions and transmission operations of a six-month period.

Citizens, as more fully detailed in its filing, states that its Standards of Conduct are in substantial compliance with the requirements of Order No. 889 and Section 37.4 of the Commission's regulations issued thereunder.

Citizens states that it served copies of this filing on all affected state commissions and customers, as well as on certain other interested parties.

Any person desiring to be heard or to protest said filings should file a motion to intervene or protest with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, N.E., Washington, D.C. 20426, in accordance with Rules 211 and 214 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (18 CFR 385.211 and 18 CFR 385.214). All such motions or protests should be filed on or before February 28, 1997. Protests will be considered by the Commission in determining the appropriate action to be taken, but will not serve to make protestants parties to the proceeding. Any person wishing to become a party must file a motion to intervene. Copies of this filing are on file with the Commission and are available for public inspection.

Lois D. Cashell,

*Secretary.*

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**[Docket No. RP97-149-000]**

**Gas Research Institute; Notice of Public Conference**

February 18, 1997.

Take notice that on March 21, 1997, the members of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission will hold a public conference to discuss the future funding of research and development (R&D) in the natural gas industry. Specifically, the members of the Commission are interested in a public policy discussion of the appropriate role